

CDXC newsletter

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CLUB NEWS

FROM THE EDITOR Over the last couple of months we have been treated to some excellent propagation, with 10 metres wide open to the Pacific and even 6 metres opening from the UK to Japan and the Far East. There has been plenty of DX about, too. In particular the Germans have done us proud with DF2UU and friends activating 5W, KH8 and A3, DF7UY and HB9CUY operating from 5W, ZK1, etc, DL2GAC and DF5UG putting on a number of rare ones in 9M2 and P2 for the IOTA gang, and so on. The 3WOA and Laccadive operations were also very welcome, and, thanks to a tip-off from G4ADD, your scribe finally worked 4W0PA for what I hope will be my last one for Honor Roll (if the ARRL decide to accept it). The French boys have put on an excellent effort from the Marquesas for what may well be a "new" country, and promise to do the same from FO/A. With US amateurs now on 18MHz, remember that QSOs on both 18 and 24MHz now count towards DXCC, though the power, mode and antenna restrictions in the UK still apply. At the other extreme, we have had the biggest solar flares for a number of years, leading to dreadful band conditions for days at a time, and a visual aurora over much of Europe.

There was a CDXC Committee meeting on 16th March at G3KMA's QTH. Ian has covered some of what was discussed in his notes at the back of this newsletter. It was agreed to hold the Annual Review Meeting on 20th May. Prior to that, members are invited to think about their preference for Club name, the proposed constitution, and whether we should affiliate to the RSGB. It would be helpful to the Committee if you could return the attached form as quickly as possible. As far as name was concerned, a majority of the Committee favour maintaining the present name. This reflects feedback received to date from members. However, we believe it should be used in full rather than just the initials CDXC which could easily be confused with the initials of various other clubs or awards. The Committee was disappointed with support for the Sunday morning net on 80 metres - is there still a demand for this, or do you all have enough people to talk to nowadays on 2 and 4? Feedback would be welcome. Can we also urge those of you who use 2 and 4 to leave a gap of at least 2 seconds between overs in case there is DX information to be passed. Your Committee members are well aware that they are as much to blame as anyone else! Finally, think about who you would want to nominate for the new Committee. Some new blood would be very welcome, though bear in mind the very practical problems associated with getting to meetings. Life is

easiest if all the Committee members live within a reasonable distance of each other.

Last but not least, a very warm welcome to our newest recruits. These include John, G3AAE, Roger, GW4OFQ, Mike, GODQS, Peter, G3SJX, and Colin, G3XJZ.

73 de Don, G3XTT

FROM PHIL, G4OBK: We had a mini CDXC northern convention on Friday 3rd February at "The Smoker" (a strangely named hostelry near Knutsford). In attendance were myself, Alan G4NXG/M, Ian G4YSN, Barry GW4RHW, John G4WXO, and Brian G3UJE (who we are now persuading to join CDXC!). We had a good exchange of news and views as it was at the HF Convention when we last met. It was after midnight when we left!

Regarding the decision about the Club name and whether we affiliate to the RSGB. I'm sure lots of members will air their views on this. For one, I would say that if it is known that a definite resolution, or resolutions, is to be put to the A.R.M. and bearing in mind the geography of the membership now and the doubts that I and others would have in attending the A.R.M. because of the distance involved, that we should be allowed to submit a proxy vote in writing to the Secretary or with any member attending the A.R.M. This could only apply with any known proposals, probably submitted by the outgoing committee, and would not take into account any discussion and possible amendments resolved at the A.R.M.

73 de Phil, G4OBK.

CONTEST RESULTS The GB4CDX team came 10th in Europe in last year's CQ WPX Contest, and were the leading UK entry in the multi-single category. Nevertheless, shame on us, we were soundly beaten by Al, G3FXB, operating as GB2FXB who, despite being allowed only 36 hours of operation as a single-op, managed almost as many QSOs and a lot more multipliers! Congratulations are due to Steve, GW4BLE, who, in the same event, came 7th in Europe single-band on 15 metres.

THE DXNS CQ AND I.T.U. ZONES GUIDE Geoff Watts, founder of DXNS and IOTA, has recently brought out this new publication which lists all DXCC countries in each ITU and each CQ Zone in alphabetical order of prefix. It serves as a companion to the existing DXNS Prefix-Country-Zone List. Geoff also publishes a DXCC Countries Guide and a USSR Oblast Guide (with maps). Each publication is available in double-sided or single-sided format. The former each cost #1 in the UK, \$3 or 6 IRCs overseas, and the latter #1.25 in the UK, \$4 or IRCs overseas. Please do not send foreign cheques. Geoff's address is 62 Belmore Rd, Norwich, NR7 0PU, England.

"DX NETS AROUND THE WORLD" The new 1989 edition (List 8) of OE2DYL's annual publication is now available. The list contains details of over 100 active DX Nets. The price is \$3 (US) or 9 IRCs. All 8 lists published to date (the theory is that information in earlier ones may be of value if old nets are re-activated as the sunspots increase) are available for \$10 or 30 IRCs. Orders go to Dieter Konrad, Bessarabierstr. 39 A-5020 Salzburg, Austria.

FROM G4IUF: KO1F, Bruce Clarke, will be visiting the UK from May 24th through May 30th. He will be giving a presentation at Harrogate College, Clarence Drive, Harrogate, on Sunday 28th May, commencing at 2pm, on the W7EL PHASED VERTICAL ANTENNA SYSTEM, now adopted by the ARRL and used by KO1F on 80 metres.

A meal will be provided - steak and salad BBQ Texas style at #10.00 per head. Numbers are limited and admission will be by ticket. Harrogate is served by BR inter-city from Kings Cross, by air from London Heathrow and Gatwick by Leeds/Bradford airport (10 miles), and by road by the A1 (5 miles) and M1 (15 miles). There is varied accommodation for those wishing to stay overnight, from 5-star hotels to boarding houses. *

For further details contact G4IUF (QTHR) Tel (0423) 500600 Ext: 3318 (office) or (0423) 870375 (home). Please state if pick-up is required from rail or air terminal. N.B: Monday 29th is a Bank Holiday!

* **SPECIAL OFFER - 4 STAR HOTEL, BED + BREAKFAST £25 PER NIGHT CONTACT DAVID WHITTAKER 0423-67755**

DXNS CALENDAR (Txn G4DYO)

Til Apr 10	S Shetland EA0BAE	Til Apr 11	/UH8Y Obl.046
Til Apr 18	NA-80 C6/DK6NN	Til May	JX0A
Til May 22	IOTA NA-70 by KL7Y	Til Jun	VP8BRT S Orkney
Til Jun	J6LAH/8R1	Til mid-Jun	VP8BWL by G3NKG
Til Dec 31	UBA SWL Competition	Til Aug 1990	W0ZX/KL7 Adak Is
Mar 30-Apr 13	CT3EU by G3PPS	Mar 31-Apr 2	XO2PJ
Mar 31-Apr 3	KH6 by JAs	Mar 31-Apr 7	FO Austral I by F's
Apr	Pacific trip 5W1GP	Apr	ZS8MI for 14 months
Apr 2-10	AS-38 Ayon Is US0SU	Apr 2-10	Zone 23 by UA9s
Apr 4-22	Obl 001, 002, 003	Apr 6	YL Activity Day
Apr 6-?	3D2 ROTUMA by 5W1GP	Apr 6-?	FW0BX by ZL1AMO
Apr 7-9	C9MKT ?	Apr 7-18	V2 by W7KNT
Apr 8-15	T2 by W6JKV	Apr 11-19	XF4 REVILLA GIGEDO
Apr 14-30	IY0ONU Maggiore Is	Apr 15-?	ZK3YY by 5W1GP
Apr 20-23	GD4UZL/P	Apr 22	MARCONI DAY
Apr 28	VR6 Special Event	Apr 29-30	Swiss Helvetia Ctst
Apr 29-30	T30 by VK9NS	Apr/May	UI-U and UI-Z
Apr-10 Oct	JX7DFA	May	XF4T by XEs ??
May	5R8AL QRV again ??	May ??	T33 by VK9NS ???
May 1	AGCW-DL QRP CW Ctst	May 2-?	T33JS Banaba Is
May 2/3-10	ZW0S SS PETER/PAUL	May 5	F89 prefix
May 5-7	TP4OCE	May 6	YL Activity Day
May 6-8	GJ by GU group	May 8-18	P40P by N1CIX
May 9-12	YJ1BKS Banks Is	May 12-14	C9MKT ?
May 15-18	YJ1TRS Torres Is	May 19-28	IY0ONU Polvese Is
May 20-28	7S3HK	May 27-28	CQ WW WPX CW Ctst
Jun	KC6 Belau by JG1RVN	Jun	3V by DL4EBN ??
Jun	RJ0RYZ Obl.042	Jun	JW by WA4ZEL/VK9NL
Jun 4-Jul 2	TK/HB9CJC	Jun 6	YL Activity Day
Jun 9-11	C9MKT ?	Jun 20	F89 prefix

CDXC - DRAFT CONSTITUTION

1. Name

The Club shall be known as the Chiltern DX Club (1)

2. Aims

The aim of the Club will be to promote excellence in HF operation, particularly DXing, through mutual assistance and encouragement, support of DXpeditions, the issue of achievement awards, or whatever other means is deemed to be appropriate.

3. Membership

Membership shall be open, subject to the discretion of the Committee, to all persons interested in the aims of the Club and who also have 100 DXCC countries worked and confirmed on the HF bands (or, in the case of SWL members, heard and confirmed).

New members should be proposed by at least two existing members of the Club, and will become members once their subscription has been received by the treasurer:

There will only be one class of membership: Full Member.

All members shall abide by the constitution of the Club. The Committee shall have the power to expel any member whose conduct, in the opinion of at least three-quarters of the full Committee, renders that person unfit to be a member of the Club. No member shall be expelled without first having been given an opportunity to appear before the Committee.

4. Subscriptions.

a) The annual subscriptions for membership shall be set by the Committee and agreed at the AGM.

b) All subscriptions will be due at the beginning of July, and payable by 30th September at the latest, after which membership will be deemed to have lapsed.

c) The financial year shall run from 1st April to 31st March.

d) For new members joining between 1st January and 31st June, only half the annual subscription will be payable for that financial year.

5. Finance.

The Club shall have a bank account, opened and administered by the Treasurer. All money received by the Club shall be promptly deposited in the Club's bank account. Withdrawals require the signature of the Club's treasurer and one other nominated officer of the Club.

6. Membership of the Committee.

The Club's affairs shall be administered by a Committee elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Committee, in whom the Club's property shall be vested, shall consist of:

a) A Chairman who will preside at all meetings at which he is present. No member may hold this position for more than two years. He may be re-elected after a break of one year.

b) A Vice-Chairman who will act as chairman' in the absence of the Chairman.

c) A Secretary who will be responsible for:

- i) Keeping the minutes of all formal meetings of the Club.
- ii) Ensuring that all correspondence is properly handled.
- iii) Maintaining a master roll of all members.

d) A Treasurer who will be responsible for:

- i) Keeping the Club's accounts.
- ii) Advising the Committee on all financial matters.
- iii) Preparing the accounts for audit and presenting them at the AGM.

e) A President.

e) The newsletter editor will, of right, be a full member of the Committee.

f) Not more than two co-opted members, who will have full voting rights.

7. Committee standing orders.

a) A quorum for the Committee shall be four. In the absence of a quorum, business may be dealt with but any decisions taken only become valid after ratification at the next meeting at which a quorum exists.

b) Committee meetings may be called by the Chairman, the Secretary, or any three full members of the Committee.

c) The Chairman may vote. In the event of a tie, he has a second casting vote.

8. Annual General Meeting.

a) The Annual General meeting shall be held between 1st April and 1st July, normally in May.

b) The quorum for the meeting shall be 15.

c) The agenda for the meeting shall include:

- i) Apologies for absence
- ii) Minutes of the previous AGM
- iii) Chairman's Report
- iv) Secretary's Report

- v) Treasurer's Report
- vi) Election of the new Committee
- vii) Election of Auditors
- viii) Other Business

d) Items (i) to (v) shall be chaired by the outgoing Chairman, item (vi) by an acting Chairman who is not standing for office, and the remaining business by the newly-elected Chairman.

e) Nominations for Committee members will only be valid if confirmed by the nominee at the meeting or previously in writing.

f) Items to be raised under Other Business must normally be notified to the Secretary not less than 14 days before the AGM.

9. Extraordinary General Meeting

a) Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by the Committee or not less than 10 members of the Club, the date of the meeting being the earliest convenient as decided by the Committee. At least 28 days notice in writing must be given to the Secretary, who in turn shall give members at least 14 days notice in writing of the agenda. No other business may be transacted at the EGM.

b) The quorum for the EGM shall be 15.

10. Amendments to the Constitution.

The constitution may be amended only at an EGM called for that purpose.

11. Winding up the Club.

a) The decision to wind up the Club may be taken only at an EGM.

b) The funds of the Club shall, after the sale of all assets and payment of all outstanding debts, be disposed of as directed by members at the final EGM.

Notes:

1. Or whatever other name is agreed at the 1989 Annual Review Meeting.

An item by David Whitaker about a recent trip to Madeira has been held over till next time. I will also aim to include an up-to-date Wants List in the next newsletter. All being well, copies of the newsletter should be ready to hand out at the Annual Review Meeting. Please send any input to the newsletter in good time. Potted biographies are especially welcome, together with news of members' DXing activities. I apologise for the lateness of this newsletter, but this was in order to be able to include the draft constitution, as discussed at the recent committee meeting.

73 de Don, G3XTT

THE SECRETARY'S NOTEPAD

To Err Is Human .. To Really Foul Things Up Requires A Computer!

Hello Everyone.

This will be the last from me before the Annual Review Meeting, which will be held at my QTH on Saturday 20th May at 2.30 pm.

Unfortunately I have suffered a major computer problem that I have only just resolved, and so I have not had much time to give much thought to this column this month. Happily all is now restored to normal without any loss of data. It seems that upgrading my machine to an AT running at 20 Mhz and fitting a tape streamer for automatic back ups was not as straight forwards at it at first seemed!

I was most impressed with the last News Letter. My thanks to Don and John, and of course to all of you who contributed. Like David Whittaker, I do not wish to get into a slanging match through this medium, but I think I should explain that the reason that I said what I did on the air at V2 was to give an explanation as to why SWL's had to get their cards to GØBTY. If I had not have done so, it would have seemed that I was perhaps after SWL's green stamps!

It is interesting to note that whilst I have had some 1300 direct QSL's so far, Bob has only had 15 from SWL's! No doubt when the QSO cards have been distributed, many more SWL cards will arrive Hi!

I absolutely agree with David that Hams cheat too. I get quite sickened by the number of "blank" DX call cards that I get offered by stations seeking a "not in the log" QSL from me. I guess the major difference between the falsely claimed SWL report and the QSO is that QSO's are either in the log or they are not, whilst an SWL report is almost impossible to verify for sure, unless you adopt the attitude that I did. SWL cards must be received before QSO cards are sent out.

Further on the trip to V2, I was delighted to see the changes towards a more balanced Radio Communication. After several telephone conversations with David Gough, it seems that RSGB editorial staff are bending over backwards to make our magazine more readable. It is a shame that in the reorganization several people have been in disagreement, and it is most regrettable that we appear to have lost a most valuable input from Pat Hawker.

Your Committee had a meeting on March 16th, and I would like to mention just a few points that were raised.

Club QSL Cards

Further discussion took place regarding purchasing a large quantity of attractive full colour QSL cards that could be

overprinted with individual Call Signs and Addresses.

I have agreed to investigate the cost of getting these done in Hong Kong, where I had my S7 and V2 cards printed. I am allowed a 10% airfreight allowance of 100 kgs per annum, and so the problems of getting these cards back to the UK could be quite easily overcome.

I have suggested that a beautiful landscape with a light coloured sky that could be easily overprinted might be representative of the Chiltern DX Club. The stations address could be inserted along a white strip at the bottom of the card. The rear of the card would have the standard report box plus a space for a computer label, and under that there could be a few words about CDXC.

If you have a suitable photo or a photo in a book which could be copied, then please let me know so that the Committee can decide on what might be the most appropriate. Any other ideas are always welcome.

Roger Brown is hoping to chase up more Club Badges. I have the facilities here to print the Call Sign onto a label which could be trimmed to fit, so how about it John?

You will soon have a questionnaire which may be included with this News Letter. It is vital that you complete this so that everyone will have a say in the path the club takes from now on. Even if you can attend the A.R.M. on May the 20th, we would still like to hear from you.

This will probably be the last from me as Secretary. The burden of QSL'ing several expeditions leaves me precious little time to devote to correspondence during the limited time that I am at home, and so I would be grateful if someone else could take over as Secretary for a while.

The Committee will be reelected on May 20th, so if you are willing to be Secretary or anything else for that matter on the Committee, then let G3GIQ or myself know. One must take into consideration that it will be necessary to attend meetings two or three times a year.

I would still like to serve on the Committee if possible, and I hope to find the time to continue to contribute to the News Letter, but above all I would dearly like to find the time to switch on my radio!

May I finish by thanking all who have joined and supported CDXC over the past years. Thank you for your enthusiasm, and above all for the way in which we have all got along during the past two years.